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REMARKS

The label for claim 11 has been changed to "withdrawn - currently amended." Rejoinder of method claim 11 is requested upon allowance of product claims under MPEP 821.04 ("if applicant elects claims directed to the product, and a product claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims which depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined").

With regard to the Examiner's request in the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 of the Office communication, Applicants maintain that the explanation in the specification is clear and the claims are well supported by the specification.

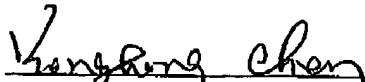
It is clearly described in the specification and shown in the drawings that the knives 3 are secured to the knife lifting device 2. The knife lifting device 2 is connected to the drive motor 1 via the transmission 22, the synchronous belt 23, and the synchronous belt pulley 21. Clearly, by turning the motor 1, the above connection achieves the vertical stroke of the knives 3.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Please charge any fees which

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might be due with respect to 37 CFR Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to
the Deposit Account of Lerner Greenberg Stemer LLP, No. 12-
1099.

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